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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), within three months of the filing of this application, therefore, no fee is required.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/187,931, filed July 2, 2002 for which the current application relies upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), each U.S. patent is listed on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08A. Due to the Office's recent notice that copies of U.S. patent references are no longer needed for application filed after June 30, 2003, such documents are not enclosed.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08A, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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